



RSPCA Solent Branch
Registered Charity No. 205096

Volunteer Application Form

Personal details (PLEASE COMPLETE CLEARLY IN CAPITALS)

Title Forename Surname
Address
Town Postcode
TelNo Mobile
Email

EMAIL IS OUR PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION...PLEASE ENSURE YOU CHECK YOUR INBOX!

Age DOB (due to insurance purposes)

PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OVER TO APPLY

Have you any unspent convictions for any previous criminal offences? No Yes
(If YES please give brief details below including dates)

How did you hear about volunteering with RSPCA Solent Branch?

Website Social Media Friend Visited Branch Other (Please specify below)

GENERAL SUPPORT - please (✓) tick role/s you are interested in :

Home Visitor Driver (over 25 years only) Admin/Reception

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED ANIMAL CARE AND SOCIALISATION ROLE BEFORE CONTINUING YOUR APPLICATION

ANIMAL CARE - Please (✓) tick **ONE role only** from the below :

Dog Care & Socialisation Cat Care & Socialisation Cat Socialisation Small Animal Care & Socialisation

AVAILABILITY - please (✓) tick all sessions that you could be available for :

Mon am pm Tues am pm Weds am pm Thurs am pm
Fri am pm Sat am pm Sun am pm

Please advise how many sessions you would like to volunteer each week 1 2 3+

Please note we are looking for a minimum commitment of at least one shift per week for a minimum term of 6 months.

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Shelter Tel: 01329 667541 www.stubbingtonark.org.uk Registered charity no: 205096

Patron: Fred Dinenage

Reasons for applying :

For animal care roles : Taking into account the role profile, please could you provide a little more information regarding your experience with animals. Perhaps you could tell us about the animals you have owned, or helped care for. You could mention some training you might have done with them, or things you enjoy doing with them. If you've had to overcome any difficulties with an animal maybe you could tell us a little bit about how you did that (you may continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

We will ensure that any information that you have provided about yourself will be treated as confidential. Your details will be kept on a volunteer database and we may use the data to keep you informed about our charity.

Please tick the box to confirm your agreement with the above statement

Any work experience candidates must be over 16 years old and apply through their school or college. We regret we cannot take any private work experience placements.

Please note our animal care roles are extremely popular and we may have a waiting list depending on your choice of department and/or availability. If we are unable to offer you a suitable opportunity at this time we will keep your application on file and contact you when an opportunity becomes available in the future. By submitting an application you agree to us holding your data for this purpose.

Declaration: I confirm that the information given is correct & up to date

Signature

Date

**PLEASE SEND YOUR APPLICATION VIA EMAIL, POST OR BY HAND,
MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL" TO:**

RSPCA Solent Branch, The Stubbington Ark, 174-176 Ranvilles Lane, Stubbington, Fareham, Hants PO14 3EZ

[Email: enquiries@rspcasolent.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@rspcasolent.org.uk)

Many thanks

Stubbington Ark Animal Care and Socialisation Role

Volunteering with rescue animals is not the most glamorous of roles but if you are prepared for hard graft and don't mind getting a bit mucky then it can be an extremely rewarding role, especially when the hard work is done and you get to spend time with the animals.

The role will be interesting and varied but we need volunteers who will be prepared to help in all aspects of animal care. Most importantly though you will interact with and help socialise the animals, support them in adapting to and coping in their current surroundings, and play a part in preparing them to go on to their forever homes.

We care for and rehome a variety of animals from a variety of backgrounds; some will be fearful, some unsocialised, some with very specific behavioural/training requirements, some with health issues, and of course some very friendly and confident animals too. You will need to be comfortable yet empathetic when handling different animals with different issues which at times can be challenging and emotional, but often enjoyable and rewarding too.

We also offer commercial boarding which helps fund the day to day running of the branch and our volunteers will be helping with animals that are boarding as well as those that will be rehomed.

You will be expected to volunteer in all weather conditions so be prepared to get cold and wet during the winter and hot (and probably wet), in the summer! Our animals need looking after and walking regardless of the conditions outside. You will need to be responsible for dressing appropriately for this.

Volunteering Shifts and Minimum Commitments:

- Dog Care: 9am-12pm or 2pm-5.30pm *(You may stay longer, up to a full day if your availability allows)*
- Cat Carers: 8.30am-1pm *(This longer shift will involve socialisation once cleaning duties are completed)*
- Cat Socialisers: 11am-1pm or 1pm-4pm *(Afternoon Socialisers may stay until 5pm if your availability allows)*
- Small Animal Care: 8.30am-1pm or 1-4pm *(Afternoon Volunteers may stay until 5pm if your availability allows)*
- Minimum wkly commitment: 1 shift per week *(not taking into account holidays, illness and unforeseen circumstances).*
- Minimum term for volunteering: 6 months

Staff allocate tasks to volunteers at the start of their morning and afternoon shifts which is why we prefer you to arrive and be ready for action promptly at the beginning of your shift so we can plan accordingly.

Duties to include:

- Exercise and socialisation of animals
- Cleaning animal accommodation and changing and disposing of dirty and soiled bedding
- Helping with feeding and washing up
- Helping out around the site such as cleaning out and topping up water troughs and bowls
- Helping to tidy play areas
- Other duties as directed by staff

Dog Socialisers will be expected to walk dogs from all of our kennel blocks as directed by staff, which will include our rehoming and boarding blocks. There is a traffic light system for the handling of dogs and staff will determine which level of dog you are able to walk. This will be reviewed as you gain experience.

Desirable Volunteer Attributes:

- Experience through ownership and/or helping others with pets and animals
- Present and/or past work or volunteering experience with animals (beneficial but not essential)
- Keen to learn
- Ability to follow instruction
- Comfortable yet empathetic when handling animals
- Confident and capable of working unsupervised and often alone
- Able to work as part of a team
- Able to cope in a sometimes challenging and emotional environment
- Enthusiastic and willing to support fund raising events and activities
- Prepared to attend ongoing training and development opportunities